

The 'John Murray' Training Ship

1910 – 1918

Details

The Victorian Government commissioned the *John Murray* Training Ship for formative training purposes for juvenile offenders from 1910 until 1918. It aimed to train seamen for the navy and merchant navy. It ceased operations in controversial circumstances in 1918.

The barque *Loch Ryan* was purchased in 1909, converted for training purposes at Williamstown and renamed *John Murray*. James Boyd MLA for Melbourne initiated the project, but it attracted controversy over the reported treatment of the trainees. A total of 411 boys underwent training, but fewer than 20 per cent qualified to join other ships.

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Description: This is an image of the John Murray Training ship built in Glasgow in 1877.

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